



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT



*To our neighbors, friends and fellow community members,*

Thank you for coming together as a community to support our schools.

Amanda-Clearcreek staff, educators and students are both humbled by and grateful for your generous support in sustaining a learning environment that empowers our students to reach their maximum potential. A-C students present and future will experience life-long impacts from your generosity. As they grow into adults who contribute to our community and our country, they will remember the day our community came together for A-C.

The best interests of our district's youth are at the forefront of our efforts, and we appreciate your devotion in this year's election to invigorate and strengthen educational opportunities for our children and generations to follow. We extend our heartfelt appreciation and thank each and every citizen who voted in support of our schools – and, ultimately, the children of this great community. Your voice speaks for our children who cannot yet vote, but who rely on the devotion of their community to nourish their educational prosperity.

With your ongoing support, we will remain dedicated to addressing challenges and will secure lasting and meaningful improvements to Amanda-Clearcreek Schools. We will continue our focus of being great stewards of these funds entrusted to us, and will work diligently to make our community proud of our school district. We would like to take this opportunity to renew our promise to serve with the best interests of this great community.

Thank you for coming together for A-C. On behalf of all A-C administrators, staff, board of education and students, we appreciate each and every one of you.

The A-C Board of Education is currently planning a work session to map out the course of action moving forward. You can find board notes on our website at [www.amanda.k12.oh.us/district-office](http://www.amanda.k12.oh.us/district-office) under the "Board of Education" tab. We look forward to working toward an exciting future for A-C!

## A-C LEVY COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED



At the Board of Education Meeting on Nov. 11, the A-C Levy Committee was recognized for their incredible work advocating for our children, staff and district leading up to Election Day. Thank you to each and every member involved for your tireless, generous work for A-C schools.

*Pictured, left to right: Dan Bryan, Sandy Bryan, Wendy LaRue, Julie Feliciano, Board President Brandon Kern, John Dossman, Keena Rich, Board Member Kyle Sharp, Auggie Smith, Board Member Robin Saum, Scott Sharp, Board Member Susan Young, Board Member Austin Reid*

## STAY CONNECTED!

If you are on Twitter and would like to hear about more A-C happenings, please be sure to follow Mr. Dick's new Twitter account, @acaces\_supt. If you haven't already, be sure to follow these A-C accounts as well:

- A-C District: @amandaacesk12
- A-C Athletics: @amandaathletics
- A-C High School: @ACHS\_Aces

## WELLNESS & SUCCESS

With the House Bill 166 passage in July 2019, Ohio invested \$675 million to help school districts support the whole child – the physical, social, emotional and intellectual aspects of a child's well-being. Focusing on the whole child allows districts to break down barriers and ensure each student is challenged, prepared and empowered for his/her future through an excellent education.

At Amanda-Clearcreek, we're investing these funds by working with community partners to provide mental health services, physical health care services, mentoring programs, family engagement and support services, and many more beneficial programs for our students.

## THE AMANDA-CLEARCREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT STRIVES TO ...

- Provide a world-class education in an intimate classroom setting that fosters strong relationships with teachers and passion for life-long learning.
- Provide an unprecedented learning environment in which students feel comfortable, safe, respected and valued.
- Foster a learning environment in which the student, staff, caretakers and community all play an active role in the success of the student.
- Instill a pride for our community in all students and staff members.
- Provide transparency in everything we do.
- Be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars to ensure financial stability for the district.



## CALAMITY DAYS 101

As we continue through the winter season, we invite you to stay up-to-date on school closings and delays through our text alerts, phone calls and social media.

Have you ever wondered what goes into a school closing decision? Ultimately, the safety of our students, staff and volunteers is our No. 1 priority! We've outlined this process below.

### How is the decision made to delay start times or close school?

Mr. Dick and other team members begin traveling the roads at 4:30 a.m. to gauge their safety. Weather forecasts, predictions and wind chills are all considered. Ultimately, the safety of the students, staff and volunteers is the top priority when deciding to delay or close school.

As we all know, weather is unpredictable and can change in a hurry. This means that, sometimes, a school delay must be changed to a closing to preserve safety.

### How are calamity days utilized?

The district has five calamity days it can use at its discretion.

If a sixth day is needed before Presidents' Day (Monday, Feb. 17, 2020), it will be made up on Presidents' Day. If a sixth day or beyond is used after Presidents' Day, the time may be made up during spring break (Friday, April 10, and Monday, April 13, 2020).

### How are parents notified of school closings and delays?

We make every effort to ensure families with students impacted by closings and delays are notified as quickly as possible. To ensure we communicate clearly, parents are notified with a phone call.

### SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

To see social media posts about closings and delays, like and follow us on:

- Facebook: @Amanda.Clearcreek.Schools
- Mr. Dick's Twitter account: @acaces\_supt.

# FINANCES IN A FLASH

We've compiled some quick financial facts to keep you up-to-date as we enter a new year. Do you have questions about A-C financial information? Please feel free to contact our district treasurer, Jill Bradford, at [jbradford@amanda.k12.oh.us](mailto:jbradford@amanda.k12.oh.us) or 740-969-7520.

## 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR QUICK FINANCIAL FACTS



### Transportation

Total Transportation Cost: **\$969,942**

–Transportation Revenue (covered by the state): **\$820,776**

A-C local cost for the 2018-2019 school year: **\$149,166**



### Casino Revenue

• We received **\$79,461** (\$52 per pupil) in casino revenue last school year.



### Cafeteria

• In September 2019, our cafeteria served **23,764** breakfasts and lunches!

## DID YOU KNOW?

A-C Board of Education members receive \$40 per meeting with a limit of 12 meetings each year. Board members earn a maximum of \$480 annually.

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL FUNDS

**Have you ever wondered about the different types of school funds and what they are used to support?**

Public accounting recognizes that money has to be accounted for based on its purpose. While it might seem simpler to put all the money in one pot (or fund), you would quickly have problems. Since all money received by the school district comes from a specific source, and that source requires you to know how the money must be spent, you quickly need a way to separate the money by purpose. A fund does just that.

All funds include the source of funds (all revenues), uses of the fund (all expenditures), and what's left called the fund balance. Funds are identified because they have a specific purpose or "fund type."

### Funds fall into the following categories:

#### General Fund

- This fund is used to meet most of the day-to-day operations of the school district. Revenues that have no specific purpose (other than the educational programs) support this fund.

#### Special Revenue Funds

- These funds are specific in their purpose and may be used only for that purpose. State and federal grants make up most of these funds.

#### Debt Service Funds

- These funds are used solely to pay off debt of the school district.

#### Capital Projects Fund

- These funds are used for items such as building enhancements and equipment, and usually have a life of five years or more.

#### Enterprise Fund

- This fund's purpose is to account for profit or loss, similar to a business. This type is intended to support itself through fees or grants.

#### Internal Service Funds

- These are funds intended to be self-supporting and are used to account for money received from other schools or other funds within the school district. An example of this type of fund is the employee benefit self-insurance fund used for health and dental insurance.

#### Trust and Agency Funds

- These are funds where the school district handles the money for someone, but does not determine how the money is spent; that is done by the individual setting up the fund or receiving the benefit of the fund.

# STUDENT HAPPENINGS

## A LOOK BACK ON FALL

### ACES AGAINST CANCER RAISED \$32,672!

Article contributed by Abbie Stats, ACHS Writers' Club

*“Supporting the fighters, Admiring the survivors, Honoring the taken, and never, ever giving up HOPE!”*



During the week of September 16-21, the Amanda-Clearcreek schools and community took part in the annual Aces Against Cancer week-long event. Students and community members had the opportunity to participate in multiple events throughout the week in support of cancer research, patient care, and to honor those impacted by cancer.

The school and community came together to purchase over 600 T-shirts and 163 pairs of socks, eat at Chipotle to raise \$557.30, buy \$349 in 50/50 raffle tickets for the cause, and raise \$2,519 by participating in the silent auction. Remaining money was raised through Chain of Hope link sales, a community Sock Hop and donations/sponsorships.

Athletes took this week of special recognition to the next level by wearing jerseys honoring loved ones affected by cancer. Student athletes and sponsors wrote dedications to their loved ones, which were featured in a program that was made for the Aces Against Cancer event.

The Aces Against Cancer committee and Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for all of the great support throughout this event. Without the participation of the A-C community, the success of this event would not be possible. They would also like to extend a special thank you to the Amanda Township Fire Department for their generous donation of \$6,000 to Aces Against Cancer. As a school and community, the Aces put in a tremendous amount of work to raise a grand total of **\$32,672.05**.

The earnings from this event were distributed amongst three different organizations:

- Fairfield Medical Center Foundation - Cancer Care Fund (local cancer patient care): **\$10,224.02**
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Dale and Amy Earnhardt Fund for Pediatric Cancer: **\$10,224.01**
- Urban and Shelley Meyer Fund for Cancer Research: **\$12,224.02**

### GO ACES! SOCK IT TO CANCER!

#### A-C Presents Check from Aces Against Cancer

On Nov. 19, a group of A-C students and staff presented a check to the FMC Foundation Cancer Care Fund. Representing Aces Against Cancer, the group was given a tour of the Cancer Care and Infusion Center and saw the impact of their fundraising efforts firsthand.



### ACHS WRITERS' CLUB

We are excited to introduce you to a new group of talented students at Amanda-Clearcreek High School – meet the ACHS Writers' Club!

These students have volunteered their time to help our district share information about what's happening at all of our schools. They're the "boots on the ground" reporters who are gathering article ideas, interviewing sources and writing content to share with the district.

Some of these students plan to pursue careers in writing, while others have a strong passion for sharing what happens within our district with our community. No matter what career these students choose, this experience will help them build the valuable lifelong skill of writing – an important communication skill for any job!

You'll see content from these writers in this printed newsletter, and in our electronic newsletter as well.



Front row (left to right): Aaron Sharp, Emmalee McGee, Kaila Bennett, Jordan Dillon, Kilynn Guiler, Kyle Hicks. Back row (left to right): Jay Sahr, Abbie Stats, Eugene Andermatt

### CHELSEA HEDRICK'S CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Thank you to everyone at A-C Schools who participated in our annual Chelsea Hedrick's Christmas for Kids fundraiser! Since it began 23 years ago, the program has helped more than 800 families in need make the holidays special for approximately 2,000 children in our community. Students fundraise by measuring the weight of coins each week, rather than the traditional method of counting coins.

This year was another success, with **\$6,631.37** collected from Nov. 4-15, 2019.

We're proud of our students, staff and administrators for supporting this longtime community fundraiser!

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**LEARN MORE ABOUT  
 SCHOOL CLOSURES AND  
 DELAYS, AND CHECK OUT  
 OUR LOOK BACK ON FALL!**

NO SCHOOL • Spring Break	APR 13-17
NO SCHOOL • Spring Break	APR 10
NO SCHOOL for Students: Professional Development Day for all Staff	MAR 17
End of Third Nine Weeks	MAR 13
NO SCHOOL • Presidents' Day	FEB 17
Parent Teacher Conferences	FEB 10
NO SCHOOL • Martin Luther King Jr. Day	JAN 20



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 text alerts.

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### A-C Highlights from the National FFA Convention

The A-C FFA Chapter had a successful visit to the National FFA Convention, which took place Oct. 30 - Nov. 2.

Our Ag Issues Forum team consisting of Kyle Hicks, Allie Poston, Morgan Anderson, Kiley Holbrook, Kaylee Sharp and Ellie Sahr advanced to the national semi-finals, which consists of the top 16 teams in the country.

Sara Sharp also advanced to the national semi-final round in the FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event, which is the top 16 individuals in the nation. With approximately 700,000 FFA members in the nation, a top 16 ranking is a tremendous accomplishment. Aaron Sharp also competed in the national Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE preliminary round.



The A-C FFA Chapter received the National Three Star Gold Rating, which is the highest rating an FFA Chapter can earn at the national level. Congratulations to all of our FFA members for representing our chapter and school at the national level!

